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## Gobble, gobble



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Southern Ute Montessori Head Start students line up on the stage before their parents, grandparents and peers to perform well-rehearsed Thanksgiving Day melodies on Wednesday, Nov. 16 to open the annual Head Start Thanksgiving dinner. For more Thanksgiving coverage, including the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy's family lunch and the annual Tribal Thanksgiving Dinner, see page 9.

## Multi-Purpose Facility to celebrate 1 year

By Ace Stryker  
The Southern Ute Drum

Since the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility opened last December, nearly 9,000 people have attended more than 500 events there.

"People love the facility," said temporary coordinator Barbara Scott-Rarick. "It's just phenomenal. ... You name it, we've had it down here."

The data collected by facility staffers doesn't lie: From birthday and graduation celebrations to cultural workshops and even exercise classes, people are showing up in droves, suggesting the facility — which finally opened a year ago after four decades of discussion and plan-

ning — is fulfilling the dream of a place tribal members can call their own.

Use of the facility is available free of charge to tribal members. So far, a healthy mix of newcomers and repeat customers are booking events — with some tribal members having organized as many as 60 each over the course of the year.

Statistics show the building's busiest month was May, when more than 1,400 people attended 69 different events. That's a stark improvement over the first month of operation last December, when just 115 people showed up for six events at the fledgling facility.

Scott-Rarick said the staff of three tribal members is commit-

ted to creating the "best possible events for the user."

"We don't want anybody to have a bad experience," she said. "The needs of the tribal members are important."

Surveys collected after each event suggest the vast majority of users are happy with the facility and the way it's run.

The facility is currently under the oversight of the SunUte Community Center. Recently, the tribe's Executive Office has transferred oversight of the connected Memorial Chapel to SunUte, meaning the Multi-Purpose Facility's staff may now book events for both locations, as well as Ute Park.

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photo Ace Stryker/SU DRUM

Southern Ute Indian Tribal Councilman Alex Cloud addresses the North American Indigenous Games Council during a Thursday, Nov. 17 meeting at the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

## NAIG council meets in Ignacio

By Ace Stryker  
The Southern Ute Drum

The North American Indigenous Games Council, which coordinates the largest triennial Native American sports competition across the United States and Canada, met at the Sky Ute Casino Resort on Thursday, Nov. 17 to discuss plans for the future.

Representing the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council during the meeting was Alex Cloud, who was accompanied by McKean Walton, recreation manager for the SunUte Community Center. Dozens of other representatives from across North America also came into town.

Up for discussion was a dispute between the NAIG council and a group from Milwaukee, the ostensible host city of the 2011 games. Fiscal and contractual concerns led to the cancellation of the 2011 games, but an unaffiliated group called U.S. Indigenous

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**– Alex Cloud,  
Southern Ute  
Tribal Council  
member**

Games hosted its own event. The usage of the term "indigenous games" concerned some on the NAIG council, who worried it would cause confusion between the longtime organization and the newcomers. Such confusion could lead to competition for attendance and fundraising, some said.

While responses including a written demand to the new group to change its name and possibly even legal action were talked about, Cloud said NAIG must simply do a better job reaching out to tribal communities, especially in off years when little marketing is currently being done.

"We're not getting the word out," he said. "The outreach to these people needs to be a lot stronger."

Earlier this year, the NAIG council announced its 2014 games would be hosted in Regina, Saskatchewan, which beat out fellow Canadian contenders Halifax, Nova Scotia, and London, Ontario. The most recent games to actually occur were in 2008 in Duncan, British Columbia; the most recent in the United States took place in 2006 in Denver.

Also on the agenda were legal issues, including the ongoing matter of legal incorporation in Canada and trademarking of the NAIG logo.

## Heritage dancers visit schools



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Southern Ute tribal member and fancy feather dancer Greg Bison shows his skills to students at Ignacio Elementary School on Tuesday, Nov. 22, as part of a series of performances for Native American Heritage Month. See more photos on page 8.





## News in brief

### IGNACIO

#### SUPD offering reward for stolen guns

The Southern Ute Police Department is offering up to a \$1,000 reward for the return of two stolen firearms or information that leads to the arrest of the person(s) responsible for the theft. The first is a German drilling gun, which is a triple-barrel rifle and shotgun combination with two side-by-side 16-gauge barrels and a single 8x57R rifle barrel. The second is a .38 Special snub nose revolver. The firearms were stolen during a burglary of a residence on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation sometime between May 27 and June 11. If you have any information, please call Detective Luke Austin of the Southern Ute Police Department Investigations Bureau at 970-563-4942.

#### Attention tribal membership

Due to recent Executive Office approval, the SunUte Community Center is the contact department to reserve the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility and the Southern Ute Memorial Chapel. The main contact for reservation is the Multi-Purpose Facility staff at 970-563-4784 or 970-563-0100 ext. 2640 or 2641. Please direct all reservations for either facility to the noted numbers. After hours you will be directed to the SunUte facility staff for reservations at 970-563-0241. For the upcoming tribal holidays, the Multi-Purpose Facility and Chapel will be open during scheduled events. Thank you for your cooperation during this transition period.

#### Thought of being a member of Tribal Council?

Attention tribal members ages 13 to 19 years of age: Are you concerned about issues facing tribal youth? Committed to make a difference in our community that will have a positive impact on the tribal youth? Then the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council may be for you. Become a leader, role model and voice for the tribal youth. For more information, contact McKean Walton at 970-563-0100 ext. 2314. Sponsored by the Southern Ute Tribal Council.

#### Tribe offers radon testing

Environmental Programs would like to remind all tribal members that we provide free radon testing for your homes. Many of you have had your home tested by us in the past, but we have new radon monitoring equipment that will give you more accurate and immediate results. The monitor, which is about the size of a shoebox, will need to be placed in your home for 3 days. Please contact Peter Diethrich at 970-563-0315 ext. 2238 or pdieth@southern-ute.nsn.us or Mel Baker at 970-563-4710 or mjbaker@southern-ute.nsn.us to set up an appointment or to ask questions.

#### Ag. Division taking orders for beans

The Southern Ute Agriculture Division will be taking orders for Adobe Milling pinto beans and Anasazi beans from the tribal membership through Dec. 8. We have had several requests for Anasazi beans and we also know there were some tribal members that were unable to get their orders in for pinto beans when they were offered earlier. Please contact the Ag office at 970-563-0220 ext. 3500 to place your order. You may pay up front or when they are delivered, whichever is most convenient for you. The beans will be delivered Dec. 15 and available for you to pick up on Dec. 16 or the following week. The prices will be as follows: pinto beans: 1 lb., \$1; 10 lbs., \$7; 20 lbs., \$13; 50 lbs., \$30. Anasazi beans: 1 lb., \$1.50; 10 lbs., \$11; 20 lbs., \$20; 50 lbs., \$48.

#### Free bison meat available to tribal members

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Division of Wildlife Resource Management maintains a small herd of bison for the Tribe's ceremonial, cultural and dietary needs. As a service to the tribal membership, the division makes available bison meat to enrolled Southern Ute tribal members free of charge. Tribal bison are grass-fed at low herd density and are free of artificial hormones and other synthetic chemicals. Bison meat is naturally low in cholesterol and an excellent, healthy alternative to beef. If you are an enrolled Southern Ute tribal member interested in obtaining bison meat for personal use, call the Division of Wildlife at 970-563-0130. Quantities and cuts of meat available may be limited.

### BAYFIELD

#### Old-fashioned Christmas set for Dec. 3

Bayfield Parks & Recreation will be hosting Bayfield's annual Old-fashioned Christmas Celebration on Saturday, Dec. 3 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Pine River Senior Center. All are welcome and admission is free. We will have a variety of children's activities, including arts and crafts, holiday themed games with "everybody wins" prizes, face painting, and a marshmallow/chocolate fondue decorating station. Kids can visit and get their picture taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus. The Senior Center will be aglow with lights and holiday decorations. There will also be a variety of free food being given away: nachos, green and red chili, baked goods, hot chocolate, and beverages. And don't miss the chance to bring home some great door prizes donated by local businesses. So come out and celebrate the holidays with community friends.

## Many Moons Ago



photo archives/SU DRUM

## 20 Years Ago

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Scott enjoy Thanksgiving dinner on Grandparents Day with the children at the Southern Ute Head Start. This photo first appeared in the Dec. 2, 1991, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

## 30 Years Ago

Robert Buckskin was hired as the new cook at the Senior Citizens Center.

This photo first appeared in the Dec. 4, 1981, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

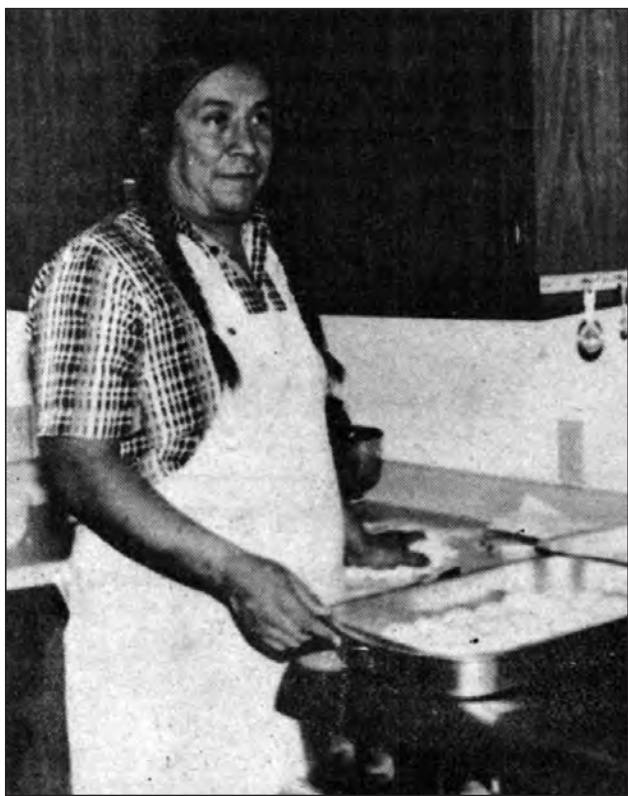


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No photo was available for the 10 years ago segment of this issue of the Drum. Look for the 10 years ago photo in the Friday, Dec. 16 issue of the Drum.

# Rolling Thunder Lanes

## FALL BOWLING IS HERE!

### Rolling Thunder Lanes Bowling Center!

at Sky Ute Casino Resort

**Monday - Friday**  
all Students bowl for \$2.00  
a game and \$1.00 shoes  
from 11:00-4:00  
Also All Seniors with a  
Young at Heart card get  
free shoes M-F from  
11:00-4:00!

**Monday night**  
"Date Night"  
6:00-9:00p.m. Dinner for  
two in the RTG, Steak and  
Shrimp accompanied with  
two games and shoes for  
\$30.00

**Tuesday night**  
"Guys Night"  
\$2.50 a game, (shoes for  
\$2.50) and with this receipt  
25% off any burger on the  
menu!

**Wednesday Night**  
"Ladies Night Out"  
\$2.50 a game, (shoes for  
\$2.50) with this receipt 25%  
off any appetizer or salad  
on the menu!

**Thursday Night**  
"Buddy Night"  
From 4:00 too 11:00 for  
every person who buys one  
game gets the second  
game free!

**Friday and  
Saturday night**  
"Cosmic Glow  
Bowl"  
From 9:30 to close on Friday  
and on Saturday night from  
8:00 p.m. to close, under  
the black lights bowl with  
the Red Pin and see if you  
get the chance to Spin the  
Wheel and win prizes and  
SO MUCH MORE!

**Sunday Practice  
Special**  
11:00 to 4:00 p.m. \$10.00  
(per person) all you can  
bowl for up to two hours.  
Five people maximum a  
lane and shoes are included.

**Saturday and  
Sunday "Report  
Card Special"**  
Saturdays and Sundays  
from 11:00 to 4:00 if you  
are a student with either a  
valid Student I.D or a  
current report card you can  
get \$2.00 games!! (shoes  
not included)

For information call **970-563-1707**

These prices do not apply to any other discounts or offers!







## Home Owner Responsibilities Winter Weather

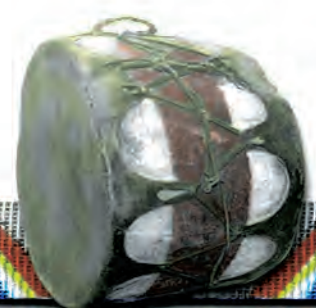
Winter is upon us, and soon the snow will be falling. We would like to remind homeowners of your responsibilities to assist in the snow removal process.

- Please identify the areas that need to be cleared of snow
- Please inform drivers of any items in your yard such as utilities—electrical meter boxes, phone boxes, water meters, sewer cleanouts
- Please pick up or personal or valuable items PRIOR TO large amounts of snow fall to insure the snow removal crews do not damage them
- Please keep all road accesses that require snow removal clear so that the crews can get in and out in a timely manner

### \*Tribal Members on Oxygen\*

Contact your oxygen provider. Ask them to provide oxygen canisters that do not require electricity to use in case of a power outage!!





## The perfect turkey



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Elise Redd coaches participants in preparing a turkey for the Thanksgiving holiday during a workshop on Wednesday, Nov. 16 in the Southern Ute Education Department's kitchen facility. Using a few time-honored methods, Redd described the process of creating a nice glaze on the bird before finishing it off in the oven. Participants in the cooking workshop drew from a hat, and a lucky winner brought home dinner for their family.

## Remembering Leonard C. Burch



On Saturday, Dec. 10, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe will celebrate its annual Leonard C. Burch Day. Born on Christmas Eve, 1933, Burch passed away at sunrise on Aug. 1, 2003, after serving as tribal chairman for more than 32 years, nearly half of his 69 years of life. A U.S. Air Force veteran, he was heavily involved in decisions that led the tribe to prosperity. He is remembered fondly as a great Ute leader and warrior.

photo archives/SU DRUM



**Ute Language**  
muguaavi - spirit  
nönösi - dream  
kwür'ki - wake up

Editor's note: The Ute Language and translation are transcribed from the 2011 Ute Dictionary, ©1996.

## Powwow Trails

### 8th Annual PLH Christmas Powwow December 10


925 South Institute • Colorado Springs, CO  
Contact: Brad Bearsheart  
Phone: 719-290-0799  
Email: PRLHT@YAHOO.COM  
Web: www.projectlighthouse.org

### 13th NCI New Year's Eve Sobriety Powwow December 31 – January 1

680 S. Boardman Ave. • Gallup, NM  
Contact: NCI  
Phone: 505-722-2177

### 11th New Years Eve Sobriety Powwow December 31

100 Civic Center • Tulsa, OK  
Contact: Niles Bosin  
Phone: 918-639-1816  
Email: choctawl865@yahoo.com




## December Activities


**For all tribal elders & handicapped/disabled**

Dec 6: Durango shopping trip; vans will be leaving at 9:30 a.m.  
Dec 9: Tribal offices will be closed for Leonard Burch Day (Dec. 10)  
Dec 14: Arts and crafts in the Elder Services office at 1 p.m.  
Dec 15: Ute Mountain casino trip; vans leave at 9 a.m.  
Dec 20: Movie day featuring "Wind Walkers" starts at 1:15 p.m.  
Dec 22: Farmington shopping trip; vans leave at 9 a.m.  
Dec 26: Tribal offices will be closed for Christmas  
Dec 27: Farmington, N.M., Sun Ray Casino trip; vans leave at 9 a.m.

Attention elders: We will be delivering turkey from Dec. 6 to Dec. 8 and the last shipment will be in from Dec. 13 to Dec. 15. Please be home or make arrangement to pick them up here at the office. If you have any questions please call the Elder Services office at 970-563-0156.



## The Southern Ute Royalty Committee presents:



# Powwow Etiquette & Protocol

*Dinner provided* *Door prizes*

<p><b>Women's Session</b> <b>Dec. 20</b> <b>Multi-Purpose Facility</b> <b>5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.</b></p> <p>Jingle Dance, Northern &amp; Southern Traditional Dance, Fancy Dance, Drum Protocol, Regalia Care &amp; Proper Storage, Royalty Protocol</p>	<p><b>Men's Session</b> <b>Dec. 22</b> <b>Multi-Purpose Facility</b> <b>5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.</b></p> <p>Northern &amp; Southern Traditional Dance, Gourd Dance, Fancy Dance, Drum Protocol, Regalia Care &amp; Proper Storage, Royalty Protocol</p>
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For more information please contact Amy Barry in the LCB Building, (second floor) or email at [abarry@southern-ute.nsn.us](mailto:abarry@southern-ute.nsn.us) or by phone 970-563-0119.



## Southern Ute Tribal Christmas Dinner and Program Dec. 17, 2011

*Sky Ute Casino Resort  
Events Center  
Ignacio, Colo.*

**Christmas Dinner**  
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Music by "Plead the 5th"**  
3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Southern Ute Montessori  
Academy Christmas Program**  
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Artwork by McGarey Gallegos, published in the Dec. 16, 1983 issue of the Southern Ute Drum.

Christmas dinner tickets will be available on Dec. 12, at 1 a.m. at the front desk in the Hall of Warriors in the Leonard C. Burch Building for all Southern Ute tribal members and their families for raffles throughout the dinner. Tickets can also be picked up at the dinner for those who are traveling to attend. If you would like tickets mailed or you have questions regarding the program and/or dinner please contact Amy Barry in the Public Relations office at 970-563-0119 or by email at [abarry@southern-ute.nsn.us](mailto:abarry@southern-ute.nsn.us). All deliveries to the handicap and disabled will be handled by the Southern Ute Tribal Elder Services, 970-563-0156.





photo Ace Stryker/SU DRUM

Ignacio Junior High students with a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher were honored with a breakfast and certificates on Tuesday, Nov. 29.

# Ignacio Junior High School

## First quarter honor roll

Eighth Grade		Seventh Grade	
Student Name	GPA	Student Name	GPA
Wyatt T. Hayes	4.000	Tori E. Archuleta	4.000
Ruth A. Hessler	4.000	Rachel L. Cooper	4.000
Jerica L. Jackson	4.000	Lainey M. Espinosa	4.000
Austin F. McCaw	4.000	Lea V. Kaefke	4.000
Chrystianne J. Valdez	4.000	Shania F. Unselt	4.000
Caleb N. Adams	3.833	Cameron K. Weaver	4.000
Charles T. Rohde	3.833	Ryley S. Webb	4.000
Lillianna S. Romero	3.833	Zachary M. Weinreich	4.000
Chase R. Sanchez	3.714	Bryan R. Gram	3.857
Merri E. Maddox	3.667	Clint W. LaBattaglia	3.833
Joy M. Roehrs	3.667	Zehrena N. Antez	3.833
Chasity R. James	3.600	Rose E. Lovell	3.833
Joseph D. Herrera	3.571	Aaron A. Harding	3.833
Daegan D. Lee	3.500	Lucas J. Kaefke	3.714
		Zachary R. James	3.667
		Leifdon I. Pratchett	3.667
		Nicholas M. Sanchez	3.600
		Devon A. Rockwell	3.500
		Lydia G. Vaughan	3.500



SKY UTE CASINO RESORT

# 3rd Anniversary

GIVE AWAY

2011 Toyota Tundra

2011 Toyota Venza

2011 Toyota 4runner

NEW COUNTRY AUTO CENTER

Would you like to have your choice between a brand new Toyota or \$20,000 in CASH?

Be sure to play the slots at Sky Ute Casino this October and November and you will earn entry tickets for your chance to win BIG for Sky Ute Casino Resort's 3rd Anniversary! For every 100 points you earn you will earn 1 entry ticket. Then, on Saturday, December 10 we will draw one name each hour from Noon until 9 p.m. and those lucky winners will become finalists for the grand prize! Immediately following the 9 p.m. finalist drawing, all 10 finalists will gather at the Player's Center, but only one will become the grand prize winner!

14324 Hwy 172 N. Ignacio, CO 81137 970-563-7777

www.skyutecasino.com

## Tribe's baskets spread thankfulness



photos courtesy/SUPD

In times of economic hardship, some people find ways to help others in need. In November, the divisions of the Justice & Regulatory Department (Southern Ute Police Department, Detention, Rangers, Tribal Court, Probation and Family Court) worked together to provide families of Ignacio students with Thanksgiving baskets. They came together to provide items for a traditional Thanksgiving meal. Initially the goal was to provide 10 baskets, but by the end of day on Thursday, Nov. 17, there were no fewer than 18. The department would like to say thank you to all those involved in the project.

## Multi-Purpose Facility turns 1 • from page 1

Scott-Rarick says the change will create a "one-stop" experience for tribal members who need to book space for an event. As a reminder, users are responsible for the setup and takedown of all tables, chairs and related materials for their events — though staffers will help those tribal elders who are physically unable to do the work — and funerals take precedence over all other proceedings, she said.

Scott-Rarick also asked that people

be courteous when cancelling reservations, giving plenty of notice so the staff can plan ahead. One great thing about the new facility is the opportunity it invites for older tribal members to interact with younger ones, she said. During a Bear Dance workshop, for example, elders were teaching youth about culture and traditions in ways that were totally unplanned. "You do see community," she said. "You get to see the wonder-

ful side of people."

To celebrate its first anniversary, the facility will host an open house from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 7. All Southern Ute tribal members and their families are invited to attend and enjoy ice cream and cake.

For more information or to book an event at the Multi-Purpose Facility, the Memorial Chapel or Ute Park, call 970-563-4784 or visit [www.southernute.nsn.us/mpf-chapel](http://www.southernute.nsn.us/mpf-chapel).

## Multi-Purpose Facility & Memorial Chapel

You are INVITED!!  
To Our One Year Anniversary Celebration!

December 7, 2011  
11 A.M. - 3 P.M.  
258 Ute Road  
Ignacio, C.O. 81137

All Tribal Members & Families Invited  
For More Info: Contact MPF 563-4784

## Education update

### December and January classes for tribal members

**Christmas Cards and Holiday Greeting Stockings:** Saturday, Dec. 10. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. in the Higher Education Classroom. Participants will make a greeting card Christmas stocking, Season greetings cards, and snack bag, using paper cutters, chalks, stamps and ink. This is an introduction to paper crafts for scrapbooking.

**Scrapbooking:** Saturday, Jan. 14, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. in the Higher Education Classroom. Participants will use paper crafting, stamping, stickers for scrap booking. Bring pictures, mementos, souvenirs, concert tickets etc. Contact Luana Herrera at Higher Education 970-563-0237 to sign up for either or all classes.

### Education announces GED test dates

The Department of Education would like to announce the GED test dates for the upcoming months: Jan. 6, Feb. 3 and March 2. The test is held the first Friday of every month at the Education Building on Burns Ave. Registration and payments are due by Tuesday before the test. Scholarships are available for Native Americans who live within 50 miles of the service area, spend 12 hours in class, score a 450 on practice tests and submit paperwork two weeks in advance. For more information, call Pine River Community Learning Center at 970-563-0681 or Donna Broad at 970-563-0237 or 970-749-1953.





# The Kidney Corner: Diet during the holidays

**By Dr. Mark Saddler**  
*Durango Nephrology Associates*

We have entered my favorite time of the year: the holidays.

The weather turns crisp, and some of us will enjoy a little less time at work, and hopefully more time with family. However, during this time of year, many people find it difficult to keep to a healthy diet. In this issue of the Kidney Corner, we will explore some tips to help stay healthy during the holidays.

First, look for ways to avoid overindulging in calories during the holidays. It's difficult to avoid eating more when there are



many good things to eat, which may be particularly easily available during the holidays.

Many people gain weight around this time of year, and

have to "pay the price" by trying to lose this excess weight later. In particular, there tend to be many sweet treats available during this time of year. Try to avoid these "empty calories" which typically have little or no nutritional value.

Similarly, if you're visiting friends or relatives for a meal, try to concentrate on high-quality foods and reduce your intake of sweet desserts or between-meal snacks. If you are a host, be sensitive to your guests' nutritional needs. If they are trying to lose weight, it may be awkward for them to refuse that extra helping, even if they want to try to cut back.

Although the weather is turning cooler, it's also still important to get your exercise this time of year. A brisk walk outdoors with family or friends can be a special holiday memory. Bundle up well, and be careful of icy areas. Alternatively, indoor exercise can help avoid putting on weight during the holiday season.

It's also a good idea to moderate your intake of alcohol, or avoid it altogether. Alcohol provides a significant calorie load, and tends to make people less careful about limiting intake of other unhealthy foods. And of course, never drive after taking alcohol.

In our attempts to make food taste the best we can for our guests, we often tend to add salt to meals. A guest coming for dinner can therefore get a lot of exposure to sodium, even if he or she does not add salt to the meal after it is served. I would recommend trying to avoid adding much salt when cooking or preparing food; guests can always add it themselves.

And remember, many foods that are commercially prepared — for example, canned foods, sauces, dressings and gravies — may already have a lot of salt added before the meal gets to the table. Salt restriction is important for all of us, especially people

with heart, kidney or liver disease.

Dialysis patients have to be especially careful during the holidays. These courageous patients often have many dietary restrictions to follow, and the holidays are especially difficult for them. If you are a host for a dialysis patient, please be considerate of their many dietary restrictions. And if you are a dialysis patient, please do your best to keep to your diet — it can be more difficult this time of year, but just as important as any other time of year in order to stay healthy.

I wish all of the Kidney Corner readers a wonderful and healthy holiday season!

# A look at end-of-life care issues for Native Americans

**Media release**  
*National Cancer Institute*

Access to quality health care by Native Americans is often compromised by poverty, lack of health insurance, and the fact that many Native Americans live in isolated regions.

Although as a group, Native Americans have a lower incidence of most types of cancer than non-Hispanic white Americans, they are more likely to be diagnosed with late-stage disease, and their cancer survival is generally poorer than that of other groups. Yet despite this burden, their access to palliative care, hospice, and end-of-life services lags behind the rest of the nation.

The Native American populations need these services not only for cancer patients, but also for patients with other diseases that are more common in their population than the white population, such as diabetes, tuberculosis, pneumonia and influenza, and gastrointestinal and heart conditions.

"Palliative care and end-of-life services are poorly available yet

critically needed," said Dr. Judith Salmon Kaur, a Choctaw/Cherokee American Indian and medical director for the Mayo Clinic Hospice and for the Native American Programs of the Mayo Comprehensive Cancer Center.

For a dozen years, a number of partners and collaborators have been working on an educational approach designed, Kaur said, "to bring these services to people who often face desperate situations with limited resources, options, and hope."

Researchers have found that it is important to develop trust in order to establish a successful palliative care program. There is no shortcut.

"You need to take time to learn the unique customs, religious beliefs, and practices of the people services are directed to," she said.

Awareness of how each patient and family may experience and open up to palliative and end-of-life care is a first principle, but there are themes that may cut across tribes and regions.

Patients receiving palliative

care may prefer a hospital setting to their home, although preferably a hospital on tribal land. The challenge comes in trying to establish a setting that reflects their culture and creates an atmosphere in which they can die in peace and with dignity.

The National Cancer Institute has developed a comprehensive educational curriculum for health care providers, known as EPEC-O, or Education in Palliative and End-of-Life Care for Oncology. In 2006, the IHS and NCI modified EPEC-O to target the Native American population and to re-fashion it for use by an interdisciplinary team of health providers.

In 2007 and 2008, the partners provided three train-the-trainer seminars for 89 physicians and healthcare providers from Indian Health Service service units throughout Indian country.

The training has proved successful. Four out of five of those trained said they had used what they learned and incorporated these palliative care principles into their practice settings.



### Attention all Southern Ute crafters and artists



## Christmas Bazaar



### Multi-Purpose Facility

### Saturday, Dec. 3 & Sunday, Dec. 4

### 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.



With Christmas around the corner many buyers will be looking for that one-of-a-kind gift for that special person on their list.

We are anticipating a variety of goods to be on display, such as quilting, beadwork, paintings, pottery, crocheted and knitted items. Perhaps some baked goods to satisfy that craving for holiday spices.

The facility will be opened on Saturday, Dec. 3 in the morning at 8 a.m. for vendors to set up items for sale. Tables and chairs are available from the MPF for use in displaying their wares. Please call the Multi-Purpose Facility to reserve a table for this event at 970-563-4784. Event sponsored by Yolinda Joy.



## New Year's Eve Dinner & Party

### TO THE MUSIC OF RALPH DINOSAUR

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

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# NAYO Powwow

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## High school club hosts powwow at IHS



The Native American Youth Organization (NAYO) club of Ignacio High School hosted its annual NAYO Powwow in the IHS gymnasium on Friday, Nov. 18. Students and faculty members of Ignacio High and Junior High participated in the powwow. Artie Alleck, Title VII liaison/mentor and Native American studies teacher at Ignacio Junior High and the sponsor of the NAYO Club, along with Master of Ceremonies Kashina Perry (below), an IHS senior, introduced dancers and encouraged all in attendance to participate in the social dances. The NAYO drum group (bottom left) kept the beat as many participated in the two-step (top right), potato (right), and round dances. John Oberly (top left), Miss Southern Ute Alternate Krista Richards, and Miss Indian Colorado Serena Fournier (left) led Southern Ute dancers in the grand entry.







## Lady Cats prep for Bloomfield

**By Joel Priest**  
*Special to the Drum*

Appropriating online instructions proven by none other than Duke University's "Coach K," Ignacio basketball boss Brice Searles was looking for some extra "glue" to hold his newest puzzle intact.

"I'm just concerned with all our pieces fitting together," he told those Lady Bobcats hanging around after attending a non-mandatory — but definitely encouraged — practice on Saturday, Nov. 26.

Beginning with a series of Mike Krzyzewski's basic transition drills, including jogs up and down the court while dribbling a ball with each hand, and ending with a spirited 3-on-3 game with consequences for the losing trio, Searles and assistant Justa Whitt observed two juniors, three sophomores and a freshman. Clearly not IHS' full roster, but a group offering a good foundation for the 2011-12 season.

"I think we may have the strongest nucleus coming back of any team in the league," Searles said during a pause in the final Thanksgiving Break proceedings inside IHS Gymnasium.

Having been a regular at informal early-morning shoot-arounds since the start of the school year, returning junior Pam Cotton displayed a much-improved skill set, including a mid-range jumper that had Searles saying "Buckets!" to himself even before the ball went airborne.



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*The leaping threesome (left to right), Ignacio freshman Sky Cotton, sophomore Cloe Seibel, and sophomore Akasia Oberly scrap for a rebound during 3-on-3 action late in a Saturday, Nov. 26 practice inside IHS Gymnasium. The Lady Bobcats' 2011-12 season-opener is set for Tuesday, Dec. 6 at Bloomfield, N.M.*

Junior Mariah Vigil is back for another season in the post, with classmate Michelle Simmons set to lead — though not yet medically cleared to play from a recent injury — the attack from the backcourt. Sophomore Cloe Seibel returns as well, along with fiery freshman Sky Cotton.

"She increases our speed factor three-hundred percent," Searles said, observing a sprint during a one-minute layup drill.

Senior Rylie Jefferson elected not to play another season, instead focusing on volleyball, and sophs Angela Herrera and Gabriela Garcia (transfer to Durango) have also found other wintertime avenues.

But newcomers Deja Herrera and Akasia Oberly, sophomores,

have impressed the coaches with a commitment to work at all practices, and may see time from further down the Lady Cat bench.

With only twelve students so far coming out for the entire squad, including absent returnees Valerie Armstrong and Jordan Cuthair, competition will be tight to improve a team that went 10-11 in '10-11.

"Whether... you're in there to score, or 'I'm in there to get a rebound,' everybody's going to have a role," Searles told the team afterward, "and those will get more defined."

The new campaign officially begins on the road on Tuesday, Dec. 6 at 4A Bloomfield, N.M., with the home/San Juan Basin League opener following on Friday, Dec. 9 against Ridgway.

## IHS boys scrimmaging strong

**By Joel Priest**  
*Special to the Drum*

With two fine first-quarter assists under his belt, Xavier Watts sprung for himself in the second.

He showed the moderate gathering of Bobcat backers what they'll hope to see often during the 2011-12 season: four three-pointers in as many attempts, including a bank shot coming around a teammate's screen, to halt the enemy's best march.

Facing 4A Montezuma-Cortez on Saturday, Nov. 26 in the teams' second two-quarter scrimmage, the senior guard's sudden spree turned a 13-12 deficit (the Panthers' only lead) into an 11-point advantage — which grew to 13 on a putback by senior forward/center Shane Richmond, then shrank to just 27-21 at the final buzzer, but was still enough to give the Cats a sweep of the morning's set inside IHS Gymnasium.

All scores were unofficial, but Ignacio stopped M-CHS 21-16 in the early test — the Bobcats' first since the previous weekend's successes against 4A's Piedra Vista (Farmington, N.M.) and Durango. A JV regular last season, junior Dmitri Reynolds gave IHS the lead for good at 17-16 with a late triple, Watts followed with a breakaway layup, and Richmond iced the outcome with a hoop inside and 0:02 left.

Four-tenths less than that remained on the clock when senior Darrin Lagerstrom found himself with a rebound underneath the basket during Ignacio's last tune-up of Thanksgiving Break. Senior Matthew Silva was forced to hoist a long three when Pagosa Springs' pressure prevented any drive inside the arc, but Lagerstrom could not get the short-range shot away before time expired.

Led by a returning backcourt of junior Kain Lucero and senior



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*Ignacio head coach Chris Valdez (right) glances to make sure his charges are scouting the enemy during down time at Saturday, Nov. 26 pre-season scrimmages inside IHS Gymnasium. The Bobcats are (left to right) Austin Haire, Dmitri Reynolds, Clayton Jefferson, and Shane Richmond.*

Tyson Ross, the Pirates — third place at last season's 3A State Championships — took a 3-0 lead during the former Intermountain League sides' prior battle, and never let go, leading 15-8 after eight minutes and 33-19 after 16.

Richmond scored nine points, Watts five, sophomore Clayton Jones, and sophomore Justin Carver — part of IHS' latest height wave along with Richmond, freshman Adison Jones, and junior Austin Haire (JV in 2010-11) — a basket to close the first quarter.

Pagosa senior Daniel Puskas began the teams' rematch with a basket assisted by Ross, but IHS showed their trademark range in immediate response. Jones sank a three, and Jefferson followed in turn. A free throw shortly thereafter by Jones gave the Bobcats a 7-4 lead, but Lucero tied with a free throw and then put PSHS ahead 10-7 with a trey. Watts countered with a shot from distance to tie, but a charity shot by junior Clay Ross put the Pirates ahead to stay.

The Cats made them sweat, though; threes by Jefferson (six points) and Watts (six) trimmed

the margin to 22-21 and forced a Pagosa timeout. A basket resulted, but Richmond canceled, 24 to 23.

Lucero hit three-of-three at the stripe after being fouled, but Richmond (seven points) powered inside for a hoop despite taking hacks from two Bucs. With 0:54 left, his ensuing free throw was successful, but neither side managed to score again — or come close — until Silva hit the front of the rim.

Fourth at last season's Class 2A State Championships and 22-4 overall, Ignacio and head coach Chris Valdez trotted out a shorter lineup than recent years, but one which could still be effective. Richmond started in the middle, with Jones alongside down low. Sophomore Kelton Richmond manned the wing-forward 3-spot, with Jefferson and Watts appearing interchangeable at the point-and-2-guard.

Absent from the action, but likely one of the varsity anchors in '11-12, was senior Paul Tahlo.

The Bobcats' season got underway on Thursday, Dec. 1 against Shiprock, N.M., at the three-day Webb Toyota/Kirtland (N.M.) Central Basin Invitational.

## Cat backs pace All-SPC picks

**By Joel Priest**  
*Special to the Drum*

The possibility of not only two SPC squads, but two separated by barely eight San Luis Valley miles, colliding in the 1A State Playoffs' quarterfinal round was quite real.

But the meeting did not materialize; neither conference champs Monte Vista nor runners-up Sargent survived longer than their initial seedings, officially bringing the circuit's 2011 season to a close.

Five-for-five in Southern Peaks contests, Monte Vista ended 7-3 overall with Sargent 5-5 — but 4-1 in conference under rookie boss Trevan Pepper, part of Northern Colorado's 1997 NCAA Division II National Championship after his prep days in the SLV ended with an 8-man title at Sangre de Cristo (Mosca) in '96 (denying Stratton a fifth straight crown, which the Eagles eventually won the next season).

Pepper, though, finished behind Monte's Jim McAuliffe in the SPC Coach-of-the-Year vote, made public after SHS was ripped 47-8 at Hotchkiss, and MV clipped 35-28 by Resurrection Christian.

Monte junior running back Shadron Wenta (1,156 rushing yards, 21 TDs) was named Offensive Player-of-the-Year, and classmate Austin Vance was the D-POY for a Pirate sweep of the top individual honors.

The run-happy SoPeaks yielded a run-happy All-SPC First Team, including Wenta and Sargent senior Vincent Conroy, as well as Ignacio seniors Alex Pena and Teagan Overturf. Pena (honored as a defensive back; nearly 700 rushing yards) paced the Bobcats during the non-conference games, with Overturf (nearly 750 rushing yards) returning from injury to lead during SPC play.

Ignacio senior receiver Jeff Herrera also received a First Team nod (though also as a defensive back), with classmate Xavier Watts receiving Second Team status at his normal wideout position. Senior offensive linemen Shane Richmond (Second Team), Jesse Vigil (Honorable



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*Ignacio senior Alex Pena fights through a Meeker tackler during the Bobcats' game at Olathe's Wilson Field. Pena was named First Team All-SPC for 2011.*

Mention), and Dusty Mangus (HM) also represented Ignacio on the postseason-award list.

An interesting omission was IHS freshman Adison Jones at quarterback. The SoPeaks' truest passer (estimated 1,100-1,200 yards total) was passed over in favor of Monte Vista sophomore Michael Sanchez (Second Team), Dolores junior Kolton Shull (Second Team), and Center junior Ryan Perrin (HM).

But with virtually his entire O-line set to graduate this coming spring, as well as his top three ball carriers and top two receivers, Jones' talents will come under much more magnification in 2012. When a record close to 2011's 4-5 result will be an accomplishment; Ignacio will in fact be graduating nearly half its final roster that dressed out for the Oct. 28 season finale against Del Norte.

On the positive side, there will be plenty of room and opportunity for a fresh start in what may be a new-look SPC. Current CHSAA realignment proposals for the 2012-14 cycle show Sargent descending to the 1A 8-man level, replaced in the SoPeaks by Centauri — dropping

down from the 2A Mountain.

Capping a perfect 13-0 season, Burlington blanked Wiggins 23-0 in 1A's 11-man championship game on Saturday, Nov. 26, dropping the upstart Tigers — on their own field — to a final mark of 9-4.

— MORE ALL-SPC 1st TEAM: Monte Vista — Kevin Valdez, sr., Jeff Cooper and Garrett Pacheco, jrs., Mitch Vanderpool, soph.; Sargent — Chet Corzine and Justin Lowder, srs., Kole VanTreese and Colton Cooley, jrs.; Del Norte — Damian Roybal and Nathan Anderson, srs., Colin Trujillo and Austin McDonald, jrs.; Dolores — Joe Martin and Wyatt Wallace, srs.; Center — Juan Mariscal and Aldo Quintana, srs.

— MORE 2nd TEAM: MV — Nick Harlan and Riley Christensen, srs.; S — Zack Morgan and Scott Dillon, jrs.; DN — Sam Aragon and Shawn Beiriger, jrs.; D — Cody Carroll, jr.; C — Luis Mariscal, soph.

— MORE HONORABLE MENTION: MV — Nick Maes, sr., and Hansel Garcia, jr.; S — Austin Heersink and Dusty Walker, jrs.; DN — Zach Sanchez, sr., and Jadeyn Martinez, soph.; C — Jose Luis Macias, jr.

## Spikers snag All-League status

**By Joel Priest**  
*Special to the Drum*

Judging from performances at the 2011 Colorado State Volleyball Championships, one could say that San Juan Basin League squads not only held their own, but maybe even improved.

In 2010, the circuit sent two — Mancos in 2A and Norwood in 1A — to Denver, but three in '11.

The Lady Jays and Lady Mavericks combined to go 1-5 then, but with Telluride in the '11 blend, the SJBL went 2-7 (THS stopped Sanford in a best-of-three; NHS swept Grover-based Pawnee) with a 10-21 sets won/lost mark. So when the post-season All-SJBL Team selections were revealed, it came as no surprise that the three crews were well represented.

Out of the loop's 2A teams, a Telluride Lady Miner senior received Player-of-the-Year — but the voting commended all-around athleticism over straight volleyball-ism, going with setter Emy Ludwig over middle Emily Langley (who did also receive First Team status).

Ignacio senior setter Rylie Jefferson was a First Teamer along with junior Michelle Simmons, joining Mancos senior Aimee Johnson and Dolores junior Cydney McHenry. Honorable Mention nods went to THS junior libero Sarah Wontrobski and Ridgway senior Candace Yengst, after the point system (6 for top player, 5 for second-best, 4 for third, etc., with no coach voting for his/her own players) told its tale.

Ludwig edged Johnson by two points, Langley by five and Jefferson by 13 for POY, then tied (with 35 points) Norwood senior Lindsey Stindt for tops in the complete circuit. Johnson



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*Ignacio junior Michelle Simmons (left) delivers a punchline to senior Rylie Jefferson during a timeout against Ridgway at home. The duo was named not only All-League for their work, but also to the 2011 'All-Region' (Honorable Mention) roster when the San Juan Basin League's 1A teams were also considered.*

was second with 34 on the so-labeled "All-Region" ballot with Langley (25), NHS senior Katelyn Hardman (10), 1A Dove Creek sophomore Shelby Knuckles (7), and Mancos senior Erica Blackburn (7) following.

Jefferson and Simmons were Honorable Mention All-Region picks, along with McHenry and NHS junior Harlie Williams.

All told, Telluride — with SJBL Coach-of-the-Year Fawnda Rogers — finished the season with the best overall record, 23-5, while Norwood ended at 23-6 and Mancos 20-7. Dove Creek went 12-10, IHS followed at 7-11, with 1A Nucla (4-13), Dolores (4-15), RHS (3-15), and 1A Ouray (0-14) bringing up the rear.

Chosen to play in the upcoming

2012 CHSAA All-State Games at Adams State College in Alamosa, Stindt — along with Hardman — took part in the 2011 Colorado Coaches of Girls' Sports All-State event on Sunday, Nov. 20. The Lady Mavs played on the 1A-Red team for Cathy Alexander of Vail Christian (Edwards) and Pawnee's Andrea Kinnison.

Also playing at Arvada West HS, for Rye's Tammy VanOort and RHS assistant Holly Tittel with the 2A-Red, was Ludwig. Opposition in the match, though, was interesting; the Blue (under Fowler's Sandy Moss and Byers' Jolene Dodge) roster featured both Langley and Johnson — the latter picked, with Ludwig, to represent the classification at the CHSAA showcase.





# Dance

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## Taking Ute heritage to school

Ignacio schools received a special visit from local dancers on Tuesday, Nov. 22 in honor of Native American Heritage Month. The dance performances took place at each of the three Ignacio public schools and were accompanied by guest speakers Southern Ute Indian Tribal Councilman Alex Cloud and Lisa Burch, who spoke of her father, the late Leonard C. Burch. Emceed by Eddie Box Jr., the presentations captivated the students at each grade level. Southern Ute Royalty members gave formal introductions, and John Oberly followed with a flute solo. A round dance finished each of the three presentations, drawing participation from teachers and students.





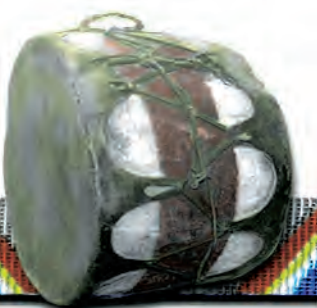


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# Giving thanks far and wide



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Ignacio celebrated Thanksgiving this year with an array of holiday activities focused on fun, family and feasting. The Southern Ute Montessori Academy hosted its annual family lunch on Tuesday, Nov. 15; Southern Ute Montessori Head Start gave attending family members a short musical presentation to open their Thanksgiving meal on Wednesday, Nov. 16; and the grand-daddy of them all was the annual Tribal Thanksgiving Dinner at the Sky Ute Casino Resort's Events Center on Saturday, Nov. 19, which included introductions by members of the Southern Ute Royalty.



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# Election

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December 2, 2011



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Tribal voters who requested and who have received their RUN-OFF ELECTION ABSENTEE BALLOT: In order for your ballot to be cast and your vote(s) counted in the Tribal Run-Off Election, your Absentee Ballot needs to be returned to the Election Board no later than Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2011, by 7:00 p.m. You may either mail your absentee ballot in the Absentee Ballot envelope provided to you by the Election Board or you may hand-deliver it to the Election Board Office and cast your ballot into the ballot box. Please mail your Run-Off Absentee Ballot to: Southern Ute Election Board, PO Box 737 MS 32, Ignacio, CO 81137. The Election Board Office is located on the Second Floor, East Wing of the Leonard C. Burch Building (Tribal Office). On Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, the Election Board will be at the Sun Ute Community Center. You may phone the Election Board at 1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303 or 970-563-0100 ext. 2303/2305.

### SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE RUN-OFF ELECTION December 14, 2011

Candidates for the Tribal Council Chairman seat are:  
Notice - Vote for One

**Pearl E. Casias**  
**Jimmy R. Newton, Jr.**

Candidates for Tribal Council Member seats are:  
Notice - Vote for Two

**Vida B. Peabody**  
**Alex Cloud**  
**Pathimi GoodTracks**  
**Aaron V. Torres**

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Voter Registration Deadline: December 2, 2011, at 5:00 p.m.  
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# Ute royalty aid 9R fundraiser



The Durango School District's 9R Title VII Parent Advisory Committee presented a Native American dinner, silent auction and show in the Miller Middle School auditorium on Tuesday, Nov. 29. The fundraiser aimed to help subsidize funds of the Title VII program in the Durango School District. The night's event included presentations by Miss Hozhoni Days Princess Tawnie Knight, Miss Southern Ute Brianna GoodTracks, and Miss Southern Ute Alternate Krista Richards. Song and dance performances were also a part of the show. The silent auction raised more than \$250.



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## Who am I?

By Tim Yaw

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What a diverse and changing world in which we live!

With diversity comes frustration, unrest, uncertainty and concern about the future. To ease this stress, most people look inward to protect their best interests.

Herein may lay the problem: If everyone is seeking pleasure and success for themselves, how can we expect to help others?

Every person alive has three basic emotional needs. Think about this: We all seek love (attraction), companionship (affection) and security (assurance) in one form or another. In seeking these basic emotional needs, we often compromise ourselves in order to achieve them.

These emotional needs are evasive, because they are self-centered. If everyone is, as the world tells us to be, "looking out for No. 1", how can we get along?

There is only one way to live peaceably with each other, and that way is through love.

Love as we know it is based on affection or attraction. In other words, we love what is attractive to us and what gives us pleasure, be it a relationship, a hobby or a new car.

In relationships, we love someone because of the way they

look, act and treat us. Thus the old adage: "He has a face only a mother could love." Since our perception of love is self-centered, we expect others to love us first before we return the love.

On the flip side, we may be attracted to someone and we compromise our values in order to attract them. Thus our lives depend on feelings and feelings will always let us down. Pause here and reflect on that statement.

Add to the three human basic emotional needs another truth. Everyone at one time or another has three questions they ask themselves.

Where did I come from?

What is my purpose here?

Where am I going after death?

The answers to these questions lead to a person's worldview. This worldview becomes a journey in which one seeks spiritual answers because science tells us we have evolved from lesser life forms, we have no purpose beyond self-satisfaction, and when the body dies, we simply cease to exist.

The majority of humans do not accept being born accidentally, without purpose, and suddenly becoming nonexistent — and they shouldn't accept it.

Everyone will agree to some extent that there is a substance

alive in every human that is the heart and source of their desires, emotions and will. The body simply manifests these characteristics. Without the bodily illustrations, what does love, hate or intelligence look like?

People call this substance the soul, or spirit, of a person, and we all have one — rather, we all are one. This soul is the real person and according to one's philosophy, lives on in one extent or the other after the physical body dies. This leads to a person seeking spiritual answers to life as mentioned previously.

The purpose of bringing this to light in this column is to generate interest in seeking answers to the spiritual questions we all have. In future publications of The Southern Ute Drum, we will look for these answers by studying the various religious worldviews to find out where we came from, what our purpose is, and where we are going.

In doing so, we will be able to look at what love is and how proper love can change the world. Pure love is needed to change a person, and here is a hint to the definition of what pure love is: Pure love does not come from within a person; it relies on an outward source. Look for this column in the coming issues for answers to your spiritual questions.

## On the state of Tribal Court appeals

By Tim Heydinger

Southern Ute Tribal Court

The right to appeal a decision of the Southern Ute Tribal Court is a right guaranteed by the Southern Ute Tribal Code.

The right to appeal applies to both civil and criminal cases. If a party to litigation feels the Tribal Court made a mistake, then that decision can be appealed and a different judge will decide the matter. The appellate judge can uphold the decision of the Tribal Court judge, or overrule the decision of the Tribal Court.

If a person wants to appeal a Tribal Court decision, that person must file their appeal within 15 days of the Tribal Court decision. Once the appeal is filed, the Tribal Court forwards the appeal to the Southwest Intertribal Court of Appeals, or SWITCA, located in Albuquerque.

The court hears appeals from several different member tribes, including the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, and several New Mexico pueblos. Once SWITCA receives an appeal, it then assigns a judge to decide the case. The appellate judge sets a schedule

for the parties to file certain legal documents and, once all the documents are filed, the judge makes his/her decision.

Unfortunately, the process is not working the way it should. Once an appeal is filed, the Tribal Court forwards the appeal to SWITCA. After that, it can take months before the parties hear anything about the status of the appeal.

Once all legal documents are filed, it can again take months, or even longer, before a decision is received. It's not unusual for an appeal to take well over a year, and often longer, before it is decided.

An effective appeal process is important in criminal cases because, as things now stand, a person could well serve their entire sentence before an appeal is ever decided. If the SWITCA ultimately decides the Tribal Court made a mistake, and reverses the Tribal Court's decision, then the person might serve an entire sentence when they should not have. But by then, the damage is done.

The current appeal process simply is not meaningful in the context of criminal cases.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council soon will be asked to consider significant revisions to the Criminal and Criminal Procedure Code. Consistent with the recently enacted Tribal Law and Order Act, the proposed revisions will allow the Tribal Court to sentence someone to up to three years in jail for a single criminal offense, and up to nine years in jail for a single criminal episode.

This is a significant increase from maximum jail time the court is now empowered to impose. It would not be fair for the Tribal Court to sentence someone under the proposed new guidelines, yet do nothing to ensure the person has a meaningful avenue for appeal.

With increased power comes increased responsibility. The tribe owes it to all persons to ensure the rights of defendants are fully protected, and that includes the right to an effective, meaningful appeal process. In order to fully protect the rights of all, the tribe should consider the appeal process as it now exists, and should consider ways to make the process more meaningful.

## StarWheels

Horoscopes by "The Starlady"

♊ **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23–Dec. 21)**  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY SAGITTARIUS! Jingle Bells may be ringing in an opportunity for extra cash until the 20th as VENUS generously rolls through the finance section of your chart. Tip toe around the temptation to spend beyond your budget Saggies. An aggressive MARS may challenge both your money methods and your work habits. What's more an intense LUNAR ECLIPSE on the 10th, in your opposite sign of GEMINI may scatter your intentions. Concentrate on your goals and close personal relationships. Happy Holidays.

♋ **CAPRICORN (Dec. 22–Jan. 20)**  
The NEW MOON on CHRISTMAS EVE takes place in your sign signaling a chance to begin a constructive cycle. Avoid becoming overly sensitive regarding personal matters. VENUS is in your sign until the 20th promoting the loving and caring aspect of your personality. You might even be able to charm the birds right out of the trees CAPRICORN. Hold off initiating future plans until after the 13th when MERCURY the idea planet is in a more receptive position. Be Merry, be bright, Santa is arriving this month.

♒ **AQUARIUS (Jan. 21–Feb. 19)**  
Once a year planetary influence infuses your hopes and wishes with abundant energy. Ideas for the future can be put into action, and friendships reinforced. Mark the 20th on your calendar as a special day. VENUS slips into your sign and begins to work its magic on you. Yes, alluring VENUS may inspire a desire to change your image, amp your pocket money, and draw new friends to your circle. No doubt your humanitarian instincts will take over, and more than likely you will make this a Christmas to remember.

♓ **PISCES (Feb. 20–March 20)**  
PISCES are the dreamers of the Zodiac and this month you can dream BIG. Leave doubt and worry behind Little Fishes. December is a special month with the emphasis on fresh beginnings. Attention and recognition may come your way on the 24th when the NEW MOON releases its extraordinary magic. It might endow you with novel ideas, and enable you to develop innovative work methods. For those in the work force, do what you can to attract and encourage healthier business associations.

♈ **ARIES (March 21–April 20)**  
A kiss and run VENUS/PLUTO pairing on the 10th launches a lucrative career cycle. Jump into motivation mode RAMS. December is ripe with potential not to be missed. Furthermore a radiant SUN shines in your favor illuminating a clear new direction. Expansion and change are also a part of this month's pattern. Flexibility is your best course of action. You'll need it to sort through the multitude of ideas that come flooding in. Being the inventive, creative individual that you are, you're bound to make this Christmas holiday a roaring success.

♉ **TAURUS (April 21–May 21)**  
Hey all you money-savvy Taureans ... this month you have an opportunity to test your financial know-how. The planetary line up centers on estate and tax matters. There may be some adjustments to make regarding your usual financial habits. Jointly held finances may call for your attention. Luckily JUPITER's continued protective influence draws resources and benefits your way like a giant magnet. As always your wise and conservative use of personal assets prove to be your best talent. Be sure to keep your ideas private. Ideas tend to become weakened when they are shared too many times with other people. Being the practical sort you usually keep all your affairs in order. But with MERCURY retrograde until the 13th, there's a chance that you could overlook an important detail.

♊ **GEMINI (May 21–June 21)**  
A power laden influence arrives in the form of LUNAR ECLIPSE. More importantly it all happens in your sign. Generally the FULL MOON signifies the end of a cycle. But when it falls in your sign the meaning takes a different tone. It's more personal, and there are many sensitive emotions and issues involved. Take a little time away from the Holiday hustle and do something nice for yourself TWINS. The good news is that MERCURY becomes more cooperative after the 13th and you're able to get up to speed again. Thoughts become sharper and you can clearly see what needs to be done. Be Merry, Twins.

♋ **CANCER (June 22–July 22)**  
December's planetary action is off to a rousing start on the 1st as PLUTO and VENUS join forces in your opposite sign of CAPRICORN. A partner, or spouse may deeply appreciate and need your attentiveness and caring MOON KIDS. Settle into the magical energy of the holiday. This is a great occasion to initiate a clean start with family relationships. Release outworn, negative, habits that might be blocking your progress. Let bygones be bygones. There's a bright and breezy new direction opening up after the 24th.

♌ **LEO (July 23–Aug. 22)**  
Enthusiasm is in the air LIONS. Let the festivities begin! It's a party month and what LEO doesn't enjoy being in the middle of all the merrymaking. The SUN your celestial ruler fires up your imagination and your romantic temperament. Single LIONS may attract spirited new relationships after the 20th when VENUS glides into the unrestrained sign of AQUARIUS. Take the lead on the 4th, 19th, and 22nd. More than likely your plans could come together after the 13th. Be aware that spendthrift MARS might tempt you to splurge and be the extra-generous Santa this year. Just do what you're able to LEO.

♍ **VIRGO (Aug. 23–Sept. 23)**  
Holiday plans have a better chance success after the 13th when MERCURY changes direction. Lively family unions and entertaining activities will make the month all the more memorable. While MARS currently lives in your sign resist the temptation to be bossy, picky, or critical of others. Live up to your commitments as usual VIRGO. There will still be time to relax and let the kid in you come out to play. It's CHRISTMAS, time to be of good cheer. Grab a nog, and a cookie, and enjoy!

♎ **LIBRA (Sept. 24–Oct. 23)**  
This year the holidays take on a new meaning for you LIBRA. With the main focus centered on communications, your daily conversations may reveal a deeper understanding of your surroundings and the people within your immediate environment. Harmonious gatherings and joyful reunions are all a part of what this Holiday is all about. Be merry LIBRA, jingle the bells, find some mistletoe, and enjoy your relatives, and family members. CHRISTMAS=LOVE and that's the bottom line.

♏ **SCORPIO (Oct. 24–Nov. 22)**  
While it's true that not every SCORPIO on the planet may have financial concerns, some of you might experience a favorable turning point this month. The SUN warms up the money section of your chart until the 20th. But it's little MERCURY coming out of sleep mode on the 13th that gets the income generating wheels rolling again. Current planetary positions point to a possible increase in funds. They may even come from an unexpected source. After all anything can happen, it's Christmas! Be of good cheer. Jobless Scorpios may have better luck this month.

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### Dancing Spirit's 2nd Annual

## 'Fill Your Bowl for Art'



Friday, Dec. 2  
6 – 9 p.m.  
640 Goddard Ave,  
Ignacio, Colo.



**Adults \$15:** includes your choice of an original pottery bowl created by Dancing Spirit artists, plus soup, bread and treats.  
**Children (12 and under) \$5:** does not include pottery bowl.

Dancing Spirit, a non-profit community agency, uses the funds raised from *Fill Your Bowl for Art*, to offer art classes and workshops.

Gift idea: Add soup mix and crackers to your original bowl and it makes a thoughtful gift for college students and seniors

Advance tickets & bowl selection available Nov. 21 – Dec. 2 at Dancing Spirit on Goddard Ave. in Ignacio, or call 970-563-4600

**Tribal Offices  
will be closed  
Friday, Dec. 9  
in observance of  
Leonard C. Burch  
Day.**

**Offices will  
open normal  
business hours  
Monday, Dec. 12**



**New Office Hours  
Starting on December 5, 2011 for  
the La Plata County Treasurer and  
Public Trustee**

Effective December 5, 2011, the La Plata County Treasurer's Office will be open for business at 8:00 a.m., closing to the public at 4:00 p.m. daily.

For additional information, please contact the Treasurer's Office at (970) 382-6352.

RAFFLE  
**Cow Elk Hunting Permit  
(January 7th–15th, 2012)  
Southern Ute Indian Reservation**

\$25/ticket  
Please send money and the attached form completed to:

Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe  
290 Mouache Circle  
PO Box 737  
Ignacio, CO 81137

MUST BE RECEIVED BY  
5 PM MONDAY, DECEMBER 12TH, 2011

**All proceeds benefit the kids of  
The Boys & Girls Club  
of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe**

For more information, contact Cora  
970-563-0100 ext. 2200  
[cnasset@southern-ute.nsn.us](mailto:cnasset@southern-ute.nsn.us)

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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE  
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SECONDARY PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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Please enclose this form and mail along with \$25  
Drawing held at the Boys & Girls Club  
12 PM TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH, 2011  
Need not be in attendance to win.





# 2011-2012 Southern Ute Royalty

## Quarterly reports

Southern Ute Brave  
Arnulfo Pardo III



My name is Arnulfo Pardo III. My Ute name is Saakuiauguit. I am 13 years old and attend Bayfield Middle School. I am the currently representing the Southern Ute Indian Tribe as Southern Ute Brave.

Southern Ute Brave Alternate  
Amarante Pardo



My name is Amarante Pardo. My Ute name is Aya. I am 8 years old and attend Ignacio Elementary School. I am the current Southern Ute Brave Alternate.

Little Miss Southern Ute  
Eufemia Pardo



My name is Eufemia Isabel Pardo. My Ute name is Watitach. I am 7 years old and attend Ignacio Elementary School. I am the current Little Miss Southern Ute.



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*Southern Ute Royalty members introduce themselves (top) at the Indian Nations Powwow in Montrose, Colo., on Friday, Sept. 24. They (middle) introduce themselves at the Health and Wellness Powwow on Friday, Oct. 22. They (bottom) welcome participants to the Health and Wellness Fitness Walk at the Veterans Memorial Park on Friday, Oct. 22.*

*Pictured (left to right) are Special Events Coordinator Amy Barry, Southern Ute Brave Arnulfo Pardo III, Southern Ute Brave Alternate Amarante Pardo, Gracie Gonzales, Little Miss Southern Ute Eufemia Pardo, Junior Miss Southern Ute Izabella Howe, Little Miss Southern Ute Alternate Yllana Howe and Miss Indian Colorado Serena Fournier.*

## Express Your Opinions

### Wisdom

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and the knowledge of the Holy is understanding. For by me thy days shall be multiplied and the years of thy life shall be increased” — Proverbs 9:10-11.

The Bible states that wisdom is attained by knowing who God really is. Reading and studying Gods word teaches us who God truly is and the understanding began when read the scriptures.

We began to understand why things are as they are, and knowing who God is becomes very important. Many questions will arise as events occur and our own personal world begins to shake, sometimes for the good and sometimes for the bad.

Fear at times will overtake us. Thank God for joy for fear is only for a while. Joy levels out the bad times. We need that solid foundation of our great God who created us and has given us this life we are living in.

The second verse gives us a promise (Proverbs 9:11) of long life and an increase in years. As

we look around and count our blessings, we truly began to realize how good our God is. Let us learn to see with our eyes, hear with our ears and only good words come out of our mouths and say, “Thank you Jesus for this great day and the blessings you given us for they are many. Thank you.”

### Being thankful

Being thankful is a natural expression of thanks in response to blessings for protection or love. It is not a tool to manipulate or dictate the will of God in a person. It is a joyful commitment of one’s personality to God.

In the Old Testament of the Bible, there were expressions of thanks for battles won, for forgiveness of sin, for answers to prayer, for compassion for others as well as for themselves, for justice — there are numerous reasons for being thankful.

It is expressed in shouts of joy, music, festivals and feasts. It was done in remembrance of being thankful to a great God who made that event possible.

In the New Testament, thanksgiving was expressed in the love

for Jesus Christ and His redemptive work, which is our faith and the grace Jesus had for us through salvation.

In Ephesians 5:20, the Bible states: “In giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Thanksgiving is here. We celebrate by having a feast with our loved ones. We have fellowship with one another, and without our loved ones life would be quite empty.



But in the midst of all that joy, let us not forget the one that made all those things possible. Let us bend the knee, bow our heads and whisper a prayer of thanks for the God that is the giver of life and the taker of life.

Our heavenly Father can be involved in our lives if we let him. Being thankful for what we have whether physical or spiritual is just one quality of the life we live in Jesus Christ.

*Anonymous author  
Submitted by Chairman  
Pearl E. Casias*

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## SunUte Community Center of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe

### Inviting all Tribal Members & their Families to the **10 Year Anniversary Celebration** Saturday - December 3rd 2011

#### Agenda

10:00am- Recognition Ceremony  
(Tribal Members & Family Only)

12:00-2:00pm- Lunch Provided  
(Tribal Members and Family Only)

2:00-6:00pm- Games, Activities, and door prizes. (Open to the public)

#### Activities (starting at 2:00pm)

**Gym**

1:00pm- Half Court Contest (Tribal Members Only)

1:30pm- Free Throw Contest (Tribal Members Only)

2:00-6:00pm- Active Kid Care & Tumbling Tots (6 months to 7 years of age)

2:00-6:00pm- Climbing Wall

3:00pm- 3 on 3 Basketball

3:00pm- Free Throw Contest

**Pool**

1p-6p Come swim with Santa

1:00pm- Santa will be in the pool giving out presents and provide photos with tribal members.

3:00pm- Santa will be in the pool to take pictures with families who bring their cameras.

**For more information, please feel free to call 970-563-0214.**

## Congratulations & happy birthdays

### Fishing fun

14 year old Jack M. Frost, III took a break from hunting to spin his lure bait through some cold, crystal clear Pine River water and hooked this beautiful 21 inch, 3 pound Brown trout.

He had spotted the trout minutes before in the deep pool then got his rig set up. One cast and the big trout took the bait!

Jack is a catch and release fisherman so the Brown was released after a quick photo session. Way to go Jack!

*Jack, Jr.*

### Happy November & turkey birthdays!

Carlos (Nov. 6), Steven (Nov. 15), Avery (Nov. 26), Keevin (Nov. 27), Sapphire (Nov. 28) and Avaleena (Nov. 30). Love you all and may your days be special.

*The Red family*



## Dec. 16 Drum DEADLINES

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Announcements  
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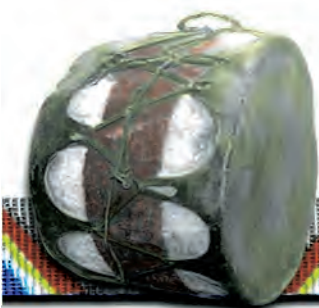
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# Notices

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## NEW EMPLOYEES



### Cody Mason

Job Title: Air Quality compliance specialist  
Description of Duties: To monitor air quality on the reservation.  
Hobbies: Snowsports, hiking and skateboarding.

## Public notice and solicitation

### SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE ETHICS COMMISSIONER ALTERNATE MEMBERS

The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council approved the appointment of three (3) Ethics Commission members on November 1, 2011. However, in order to fully implement the Ethics Code, the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council directed the Ethics Office to advertise for tribal members that are qualified and interested in serving as Ethics Commissioner Alternate members (three). Alternate Commission members will serve staggered three-year terms. Duties and powers of the Commission may be found in the Ethics Code, 19-3-107 and 19-3-108. Qualifications for Commission Members and their alternates are (19-3-104): A member of the Tribe at least 18 years of age or older; A

reputation for fairness and impartiality; Familiarity with tribal government; Ability to maintain confidentiality about Commission matters; and, Satisfactory completion of a background investigation for criminal history showing no convictions or guilty pleas for felonies or any misdemeanor involving dishonesty. Please submit letters of interest that include statements related to qualification to: Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Department of Justice & Regulatory – Ethics Office, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137. Letters of interest are due by Friday, December 9, 2011. For further information, you may contact the Ethics Office at 970-563-0292.

## Public notice

### SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE 911/EMERGENCY ADDRESSING PROJECT

The Southern Ute Tribe's Department of Natural Resources and SUPD's staffs have been working on and will continue to work on the 911/Emergency Addressing Project for Southern Ute Tribal members living within the boundaries of the Reservation. During the research of roads, we have found roads or house addresses and will probably find more, that need to be renamed or changed in order for 911 emergency systems to dispatch emergency service providers to the proper physical address. For now, the following change.

The following road name changes have occurred:  
• Candelaria Lane has been renamed to Quichas Hill Avenue

• Senior Center's new address is 15345 Hwy 172  
• Currently named Mountain View Dr. located off of CR 314 has officially changed to "Pow Wow Circle". This change eliminates confusion with "Mountain View Ln" located approximately 2 miles east of Ignacio. Shoshone Avenue has been extended from Hwy 151 south and connects to Hwy 172, south of Ignacio. Additional information on the addressing project will be sent out to Tribal members living within the boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. If you have any questions, please contact Eddie Box, Jr., DNR Information Systems Manager at 970-563-0125 ext. 2232.

## Requests for proposals

### BEAVER CREEK II STABILIZATION AND REPAIR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Notice is hereby given that the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Environmental Programs Division is soliciting proposals for design and construction for stream bank restoration on Beaver Creek, northeast of Ignacio Colorado. Interested parties should submit three (3) copies of the proposal to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Environmental Programs Division, Attention: Pete Nylander, 116 Mouache Drive, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137, by close of business, January 6, 2012. Project specifications and a complete RFP are available at the above address. All interested parties must attend a mandatory site visit to the project site on December 1, 2011 at 10 am. The deadline for proposal submittal is January 6, 2012. Please refer all questions regarding this proposal to Pete Nylander, 970-563-0135 x 2214. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's TERO code has established a preference for contracting and

subcontracting to certified Indian owned businesses. A bid preference of 5% will be given to any qualified Native American owned company. To receive this preference, Native American owned businesses must be certified by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's TERO. Any Native American owned business not certified by the due date will not be given a preference. For information on certification, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Environmental Programs Division will award this project to the successful bidder on January 27, 2012 pending approval from the Southern Ute Tribal Council. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive any informalities and minor irregularities in proposals, and to accept the proposal deemed, by the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Tribe.

## We need your input for the SUIT Hazard Mitigation Plan

### What is hazard mitigation planning?

Hazard mitigation planning is the process of determining how to reduce or eliminate the loss of life and property resulting from natural hazards.

As a first step in this process we are trying to gather information and opinions from Southern Ute Tribe members about natural hazards including fire, landslide, windstorms, earthquakes, floods and other natural events that could cause a loss to life and property.

### What can you do?

Please take a few minutes and share your knowledge and the knowledge of your family members

about the history of fire, flood, drought and other events that have happened on the SUIT reservation.

**You can record your knowledge and opinions in two ways:** If you have access to a computer, go to [www.surveymonkey.com/s/SUIT\\_Hazards](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SUIT_Hazards) or, fill out the form below and return to the address indicated on the form.

Results will be presented on Jan. 26 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Buckskin Charlie Room (second floor) of the Leonard C. Burch Building. Tribal Members are invited to attend this lunch meeting to learn more about the Hazard Mitigation planning process.

### Southern Ute Hazard Mitigation Survey

Please note throughout this survey only consider hazards affecting the lands within the exterior of boundaries of the SUIT Reservation

- 1) Are you a Southern Ute Tribal Member (circle one): Yes No  
2) Please mark your overall concern for the following hazards. Mark one box for each hazard type.

	Extremely	Concerned	Slightly	Not
Wildfire	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Avalanche	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drought	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Expansive Soils	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(Expansive soils are soils that contain water-absorbing minerals. These soils expand as they take in water. Expansive soils can cause damage to buildings and other structures due to the force they exert as they expand.)				
Extreme Heat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Land Subsidence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(Land subsidence is the shifting of soil; most commonly known as sinkholes. Shifting soils can be caused by mining and oil and gas production.)				
Flood	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Earthquake	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dam Failure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tornado/	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Windstorm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Winter Weather	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- 3) For the hazards that you marked Concerned or Extremely Concerned please briefly describe the nature of your concern (economic, public health/safety, infrastructure, cultural sites/artifacts, etc.)

	Extremely	Concerned	Slightly	Not
Wildfire	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	Month/year	Location	Details
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Avalanche			
Drought			
Expansive Soils			
Extreme Heat			
Hail			
Land Subsidence			
Flood			
Earthquake			
Dam Failure			
Tornado/			
Windstorm			
Winter Weather			
Other			

Survey needs to be returned by Jan. 13, 2012.

### Please return this completed survey to:

Risk Management Division  
Tribal Administration Building  
356 Ouray Drive  
Ignacio, CO 81137

### Or send to:

Southern Ute Indian Tribe  
Risk Management Division  
PO Box 737  
Ignacio, CO 81137

### IN THE SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COURT OF THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE • ON THE SOUTHERN UTE RESERVATION PO Box 737 #149, CR 517, IGNACIO, CO • (970) 563-0240

#### In the Estate Of, Case No.: 11-PR-143

##### NOTICE OF PROBATE Bryan Rock Jr., Deceased

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on December 12, 2011 at 9:00 AM. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 21st of October, 2011  
Janie Herrera, Deputy Court Clerk

#### In the Estate Of, Case No.: 2011-0158-CV-PR

##### NOTICE OF PROBATE

##### Delbert William Cuthair Sr., Deceased

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on December 13, 2011 at 9:00 AM. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 7th of November, 2011  
Kelly Herrera, Deputy Court Clerk



## Restaurants

### Julie's El Amigo

970-563-9998, 355 Goddard Ave., jquintana1952@yahoo.com, 11a-8p  
"Mexican & American food"

## Retail

### Classy Seconds

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classysecondsangela@gmail.com  
M-F 9a-5p

### Pine River Enterprises

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1817 Hwy. 151  
M-F 7:30a-5p  
"Selling tires and farm and ranch goods"

### Marcella's Gifts

970-563-0266  
355 Goddard Ave.  
diamondlady@frontier.net  
Tu-Sa 10a-5:30p; Su appt

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**Southern Ute Growth Fund**

Obtain complete job descriptions and applications from the Growth Fund Human Resources, 14933 Hwy. 172 • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO • 970-563-5064 • rtaylor@sugf.com  
*Tribal Member Employment Preference, Must Pass Pre-employment Drug Test & Criminal History.*

**Lease Operator II**  
Closing date 12/5/11 – Red Willow Production Co. Ignacio, CO. Manages and maintains field operations to ensure that production proceeds safely and efficiently in compliance with all regulations.

**Administrative Assistant**  
Closing date 12/5/11 – Red Cedar Gathering Durango, CO. Provide secretarial and clerical support, to include preparation of correspondence and reports, maintaining filing systems, coordinating the flow and processing of information and documents.

**PeopleSoft SQL Server Database Administrator**  
Closing date 12/16/11 – Southern Ute Growth Fund Ignacio, CO. PeopleSoft HCM/FSCM databases in the production and development infrastructure, including administration and support of SQL Server 2008 SP2 databases, BEA WebLogic, BEA Tuxedo, PeopleSoft Process Schedulers and Integration Broker components.

**PeopleSoft Senior FSCM Developer**  
Closing date 12/16/11 – Southern Ute Growth Fund Ignacio, CO. Development and production support of PeopleSoft FSCM applications, providing PeopleSoft Payroll technical support and consultation.

**PeopleSoft Senior HR Developer**  
Closing date 12/16/11 – Southern Ute Growth Fund Ignacio, CO. Development, analysis, and production support of PeopleSoft Human Capital Management applications, providing PeopleSoft HR and Benefits technical support and consultation.

**PeopleSoft Senior Payroll Developer**  
Closing date 12/16/11 – Southern Ute Growth Fund Ignacio, CO. Development and production support of PeopleSoft Human Capital Management and related interface to General Ledger and Accounts Payable, providing PeopleSoft Payroll technical support and consultation.

**Public Relations Consultant**  
Job description: www.fourcore.org. Please no phone calls. Send Cover letter, resume, and 3 references by 5 p.m. Dec. 2 (TODAY) to claire@fourcore.org w/subject "Public Relations Consultant".

**SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE SOCIAL SERVICES**

**Citizen Review Panel**

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking five (5) Southern Ute Tribal Members to serve on the Citizen Review Panel. The Panel reviews complaints arising from and related to cases handled by the Tribe's Division of Social Services and engages in a conflict resolution process. The positions are volunteer appointments and receive no compensation. Applicants must be at least eighteen (18) years of age or older; have demonstrable personal or professional knowledge and experience with children and/or adult protection; have no convictions for crimes of violence or involving a child victim; is not party to litigation involving the Division, or has had an active welfare case within two years; is not a Division employee. All applicants will be subject to a background investigation. Tribal members interested in serving on the Citizen Review Panel can turn in a letter of intent at the Human Resources Office. The letter should provide specific evidence of his/her qualifications. For detailed information about this volunteer position call Human Resources at 970-563-0100.

Legal Notice

If you are a  
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call 1-888-233-5506  
or visit [www.IndianFarmClass.com](http://www.IndianFarmClass.com).

**Southern Ute Indian Tribe**

Please refer to the complete job announcement and qualifications at  
www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs or at the Human Resources Department  
P.O. Box 737 • Ignacio, CO 81137 • Phone: 970-563-0100 • Fax: 970-563-0396 • Hotline: 970-563-4777  
\*Human Resources accepts applications for Temporary Employment on an on-going basis.

**Assistant Facilities Operations Manager**  
Closing date 12/05/11  
Assists Facilities Operations Manager with the operations and internal coordination of SunUte Community Center activities. Assists with the development of marketing, special events, special projects and public relations. Oversees morning/evening operational procedures, facility set-up/breakdown, scheduling of activities and inventory management. This position is a grade 16.

**Active Kid Care Leader (4 Positions)**  
Closing date 12/06/11  
Provides childcare and physical activities for the Active Kid Care program to meet the needs of children ages toddler through 6 years. This position is a grade 10.

**Vocational Rehabilitation Coordinator**  
Closing date 12/9/11  
Under direct supervision of the Program Manager for the Vocational Rehabilitation Program, employee is responsible for assisting in the organization and facilitation of Vocational Rehabilitation services to clients/consumers within the Southern Ute Indian Tribe service delivery parameters and for providing data and office management for the department. Pay Grade 15.

**Detention Officer**  
Closing date 12/2/11  
Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant, maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all activities within the detention center. This position is a grade 17.

**Benefits Coordinator**  
Closing date 12/2/11  
Administers employee benefit plans for the Tribal Government including retirement, medical, dental, vision, life, long term disability, flexible spending account, supplemental benefits, leave plans and the retirement plan. This position is a grade 18.

**NAGPRA Coordinator**  
Closing date 12/9/11  
Develops and administers procedures for determining the affiliation of Native American Remains, funerary objects, sacred objects of cultural patrimony as well as the protection of archaeological and sacred sites. This position is at Pay Grade 17.

**Part-time Front Desk Attendant**  
Closing date 12/12/11  
Responsible for assuring an efficient entry and exit point for members of the Community Center, to include providing reception duties to the public by telephone and in person; greeting, screening and assisting customers; monitoring member access control; and maintaining class registration. This position is a grade 12.

**Full-time Front Desk Attendant**  
Closing date 12/12/11  
Responsible for assuring an efficient entry and exit point for members of the Community Center, to include providing reception duties to the public by telephone and in person; greeting, screening and assisting customers; monitoring member access control; and maintaining class registration. This position is a grade 12.

**Custodian**  
Closing date 12/12/11  
Responsible for the daily cleaning of Southern Ute Indian Tribe buildings and offices. This position is a grade 12.

**Dental Assistant**  
Closing date open until filled  
Under dentist supervision, incumbent is responsible for a wide range of tasks in the Southern Ute Health Center dental office including, but not limited to, providing chair side dental assistance, administrative and records duties, and radiology functions. This position is a grade 17.

Help in filling out online applications is available at the Human Resources office. Another way to find out about job opportunities 24 hours a day, seven days a week, is our JOB HOTLINE! The HOTLINE is updated weekly and lists the job title and closing date for both Permanent Fund and Growth Fund positions.

**Southern Ute Wildlife Division**

**SU Tribal Member youth, Wildlife Advisory Board vacancy**

The Tribe is seeking an enrolled Southern Ute youth wishing to fill a special youth-only seat on the Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board. The 1-year position may only be filled by a Tribal Member between the ages of 14 and 18, and the position may be renewed annually, by request, until age 19 is reached. The Wildlife Advisory Board works closely with the Wildlife Division in planning and recommending actions related to Tribal hunting and fishing programs, both on-reservation and within the Brunot treaty area. This special youth seat provides an outstanding opportunity for a young tribal member to learn about wildlife management, including traditional Ute and contemporary scientific perspectives. Meetings are held locally several times throughout the year, and a commitment to attend and participate in all meetings is expected. The participant is eligible to receive \$20/hour compensation for meeting attendance provided he or she is not already employed by the Tribe. Interested tribal member youth must submit a brief letter of interest to the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137. For more information, please contact the Wildlife Division at 970-563-0130. This vacancy will remain open until filled.

**SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE**

**Powwow Committee vacancy**

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has four Powwow Committee Member vacancies. Must be an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members or a Native American community member. Members serve on a voluntary basis. The responsibility of the Southern Ute Indian Powwow Committee is to promote the traditions and culture of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe through powwows. All interests individuals are urged to submit a letter of intent to Personnel Department in the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building.

**KSUT - Public Radio**

KSUT Offices: 970-563-0255 • P.O. Box 737 • Ignacio, CO 81137  
Send cover letter and resume to radiobr77@yahoo.com • KSUT online: www.ksut.org  
KSUT is a 501C3 non-profit public broadcasting organization • Equal Opportuniy Employer

**Development Assistant**  
Closing date 12/2/11 – KSUT Public Radio  
Entry level position in the fundraising department, complete job description www.ksut.org. Preference given to qualified Southern Ute Tribal members and other Native Americans; all applicants welcome. Send cover letter and resume to bruce@ksut.org by Dec. 2, 2011.

**Sky Ute Casino Resort**

Human Resources Department: 970-563-1311 • Fax: 970-563-1419  
P.O. Box 340 • Ignacio, CO 81137 • Office Hours: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Indian Preference Employer • All Applicants Welcome • Apply online: [www.skyutecasino.com](http://www.skyutecasino.com)

**Food & Beverage**  
Rounds Cook – TMP, 12/2/11  
**IT**  
Database Administrator – FT, Open until filled  
**Salon**  
Cosmetologist – PT/no ben., Open until filled

**Table Games**  
Multi-Games Dealer – TMP, Open until filled  
Poker Dealer – TMP, Open until filled  
Poker Dealer – FT, Open until filled

*Preference Given To Qualified Southern Ute tribal members and other Native Americans.  
FT: Full-time, PT: Part-time, OC: On-Call, TMP: Temp*

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# Ambassadors of the So. Ute Tribe



photo Robert Ortiz/SU DRUM

The Southern Ute Royalty for 2011-12 poses for a photo in the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum on Saturday, Nov. 26. Pictured (left to right) are Southern Ute Brave Arnulfo Pardo III, Junior Miss Southern Ute Izabella Howe, Little Miss Southern Ute Eufemia Pardo, Miss Southern Ute Brianna GoodTracks, Little Miss Southern Ute Alternate Yllana Howe, Miss Southern Ute Alternate Krista Richards, and Southern Ute Brave Alternate Amarante Pardo.



photos Ace Stryker/SU DRUM

Representatives from a variety of corrections, treatment and education organizations met at the Sky Ute Casino Resort on Thursday, Nov. 17 to share ideas and discuss the notion of a more unified effort to rehabilitate offenders. Keynote speaker Tekla Miller (above, left), a Durango resident, visits with forum attendees about her time as a prison warden. Scott Baker (below) of the Pine River Community Learning Center moderates a discussion about ideas for more effective rehabilitation.

## Corrections forum sparks discourse

By Ace Stryker  
The Southern Ute Drum

Representatives from several local corrections and treatment organizations met at the Sky Ute Casino Resort on Thursday, Nov. 17 to share ideas for more effective rehabilitation of jail and prison inmates and parolees.

The group included employees of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, La Plata County and Town of Ignacio officials, representatives of antiviolence groups and educational institutions, and others. Tekla Miller, a Durango resident and former warden of a maximum-security men's prison and a multi-level women's prison, was the keynote speaker.

Moderator Scott Baker of the Pine River Community Learning Center gave a presentation on trends and patterns in the corrections world, then led the group in a roundtable discussion called "Spokes of the Wheel" that aimed to address the various components of rehabilitation.

A recurring theme during the discussion was the need for increased communication and cooperation between agencies, to share best practices and streamline the experience for



offenders.

"The question is how are they all tying together — or are they?"

Baker said. "Maybe the system can begin to become something different."

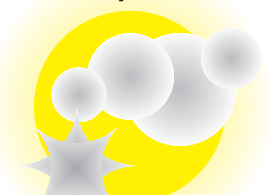
## Local Ignacio Weather

Friday, Dec. 2



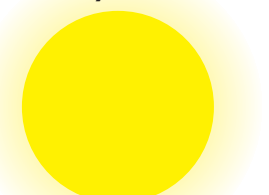
Chance of snow 40%, High 35 °F

Saturday, Dec. 3



Chance of snow 30%, High 37 °F

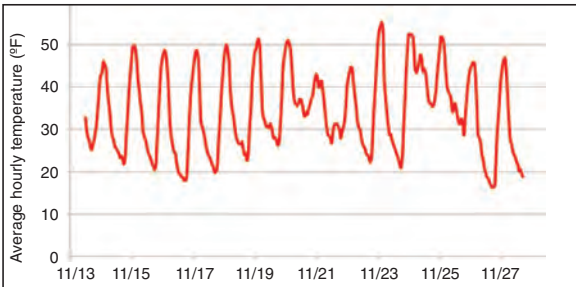
Sunday, Dec. 4



Mostly sunny, High 36 °F

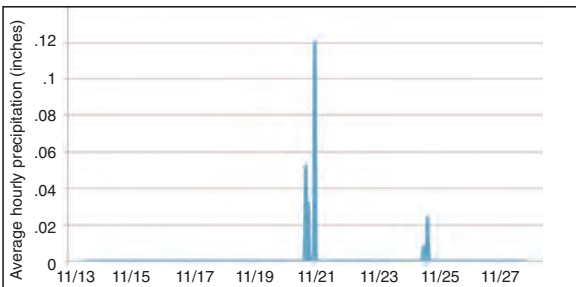


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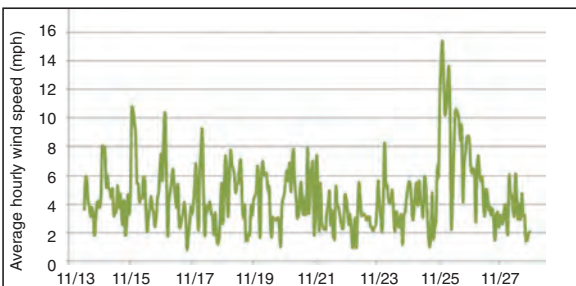
Temperature

High 55.2°F  
Low 16.2°F  
Average 34.1°F  
Average last year 29.2°F



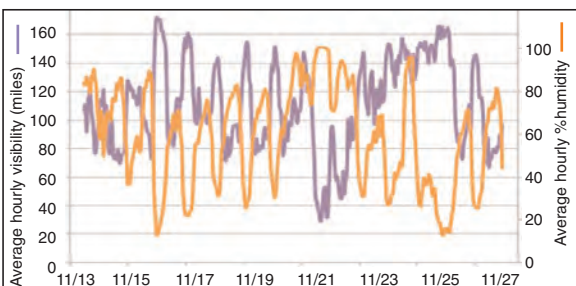
Precipitation

Total 0.25 inches  
Total last year 0.18 inches



Wind speed

Average 4.5 mph  
Minimum 0.9 mph  
Maximum 15.4 mph



Visibility & humidity

Avg. visibility 110.0 miles  
Avg. humidity 59.5%

Air quality  
Good



Data compiled by Southern Ute Environmental Programs

Weather forecasts collected from www.NOAA.gov

## Christmas Light Contest!

This year the **Southern Ute Police Department** will be hosting a **Christmas Light Contest**. Over the next several weeks our officers will be looking at homes with Christmas lights and decorations from people who have entered into our contest. On December 21, 2010 our officers will vote on the **1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners**. The winners will be published in the **SUIT DRUM** December 30, 2011

**DEADLINE is December 16, 2011 5pm to register.**

**Call to register with:**

**Crystal Thompson** 970-563-0246 ext. 3317 OR  
**Don Folsom** 970-563-0246 ext. 3301 OR  
**Leona Burch** 970-563-0246

